

ASRS WEEKLY REPORT

ARIZONA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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For the week ending Friday, March 3, 2006

This electronic report provides a briefing of news and notices important to our employer partners and our members. Please direct comments to WeeklyReport@azasrs.gov.

ASRS News

Director Outreach meetings scheduled for 2006

ASRS Director Paul Matson has scheduled a series of Director Outreach meetings for 2006 in Flagstaff, Phoenix, Tucson and Sierra Vista.

This is the second series of meetings that has taken Mr. Matson to various parts of the state to meet with members and retirees.

The informal meetings provide an opportunity to exchange dialogue on issues and information related to the retirement system.

Director Outreach meetings are scheduled for:

- Flagstaff – Monday, March 27, 2:30 p.m., at the Coconino County Complex, 219 E. Cherry St., Board of Supervisors meeting room.
- Phoenix – Tuesday, May 2, noon, at the ASRS Phoenix Office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 10th floor Board Room.
- Tucson – Thursday, June 22, 12:30 p.m., at the ASRS Tucson Office, 7660 E. Broadway Blvd., Suite 108.
- Sierra Vista – Thursday, October 12, 10 a.m., at the Sierra Vista Public Library, 2600 E. Tacoma St.

No reservations are required to attend the Director Outreach meetings. Information: (602) 240-2016.

Retirement-related Legislation under consideration this session

There are several bills before the legislature that may impact ASRS members. You may view a summary of these bills and track their progress by referring to the ASRS Bill Tracker, which is updated weekly and posted on our website at www.azasrs.gov

Educational meetings offered to inform, assist members

The Member Services Division of the ASRS conducts educational meetings available to all members. Whether you're newly hired and want to learn about the benefits available to you, or you're ready to retire and want assistance filling out your paperwork and making annuity selections, the ASRS has a meeting for you.

Group Meetings are designed for members within one year of retiring. You'll learn about potential monthly benefits and options, completing retirement paperwork, health insurance, and return-to-work options.

Seminars are open to all members and are especially helpful to new members. You'll learn about the ASRS, benefits as an active, inactive and retired member, member responsibilities, retirement benefit calculations, wills and trusts and Social Security benefits.

Service Purchase Meetings are open to all members. Here you'll learn about the Service Purchase Program, the process for purchasing service, types of service available for purchase, cost calculations and payment options.

Visit our website and click on the Calendars section to see a full listing, including our Spring state-wide travel schedule. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Member Service Advisory Center at (602) 240-2000 in Phoenix, (520) 239-3100 in Tucson, or (800) 621-3778 outside Phoenix and Tucson.

ASRS Employer News

New address for mailing checks to the ASRS

The Arizona State Retirement System has a new mailing address to be used solely for mailing checks to the ASRS.

The new mailing address is:

ASRS
P.O. Box 34030
Phoenix, AZ 85067-4030

This address is now in use for all employer correspondence containing a check. Employer contribution payments should be remitted to this new address beginning immediately.

Please continue to use our standard address for all other correspondence that does not include a check:

ASRS
P.O. Box 33910
Phoenix, AZ 85067-3910

ER 101 Workshops planned for 2006

The Employer Relations staff is offering its popular ER 101 Workshops, designed specifically for new employer staff who hold positions of responsibility in accounting, benefits, human resources or payroll and who have not previously worked with the retirement system and would like to learn the basics.

Subject matter includes: determining membership; Long Term Disability; reporting contributions; the Return to Work Program; Health Insurance Premium Benefit Program; a review of the new ASRS Employer Manual, and completing ASRS forms.

ER 101 Workshops are scheduled for **March 15 and April 18**. The workshops are from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ASRS Phoenix office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 10th floor Board Room. Space is limited, so make your reservations now! For information and reservations, contact:

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Board & Committee Meetings

ASRS Board of Trustees

Friday, March 17, 2006, 8:30 a.m., ASRS Phoenix office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 10th floor Board Room.

Operations Committee

Tuesday, March 28, 2006, 10:30 a.m., ASRS Phoenix office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 14th floor.

Investment Committee

Wednesday, April 5, 2006, 5:30 p.m., ASRS Phoenix office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 14th floor.

External Affairs Committee

Friday, April 7, 2006, 10 a.m., ASRS Phoenix office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 14th floor.

Note: All Board & Committee meetings are open to the public and your attendance is encouraged. Schedules, agendas and minutes of meetings are posted on our website and are available at our Phoenix and Tucson offices.

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